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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 6, 2005, **JAMONTE L. ALLISON**, age 28, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton. ALLISON, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine, was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment, 10 years' supervised release, and was fined \$600.

The violations took place between July 2003, and April 24, 2004, in Jackson, Randolph and Perry Counties. Co-defendants ULYSSES WILLIAMS, a/k/a "J.R.," DEMETRIUS JOHNSON, a/k/a "Mete," and ANTONIO D. WATSON, have previously been sentenced to 235 months' imprisonment, 200 months' imprisonment, and 168 months' imprisonment, respectively, for their role in the drug conspiracy. Co-defendants DETRIC D. ROSEMAN and BRANDON McDADE have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative effort of the Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, Jackson County States Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Murphysboro Police Department. The Perry County Sheriff's Department and Pinckneyville Police Department also participated in the investigation.

The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.